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In re Application of :
Suess : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/733,525 :
Filed: December 9, 2003 :
Atty. Dkt. No.: SUES-002 :

The above-identified application has been forwarded to the Office of Petitions for consideration of the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 filed March 6, 2007.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment is hereby **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.181." This is not a final agency decision.

This application became abandoned March 29, 2005 for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed December 28, 2004. The final Office action set a three month period of time for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 7, 2005.

Petitioner alleges non-receipt of the final Office action mailed December 28, 2004.

In the absence of any irregularity in the mailing of the final Office action, there is a strong presumption that the final Office action was properly mailed to petitioner at the address of record. This presumption may be overcome by a showing that the final Office action was not in fact received. The showing required to establish non-receipt of an Office communication must include a statement from petitioner stating that the Office communication was not received by petitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records

indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the non-received Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in petitioner's statement. See, MPEP 711.03(c). The showing outlined above may not be sufficient if there are circumstances that point to a conclusion that the Office communication may have been lost after receipt rather than a conclusion that the Office communication was lost in the mail.

Office records indicate the Office communication was properly mailed to the correspondence address of record at the time of mailing. Accordingly, there was no irregularity in mailing the Office communication on the part of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Petitioner has failed to provide any supporting documentation to support the contention of non-receipt of the final Office action.

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